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SUMMARY

1. (U) ICRC REPORTED THAT ITS EXPAT DELEGATES ARE ABLE TO MOVE AROUND KIGALI TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO THOSE MOST IN NEED AND TO COLLECT THE WOUNDED FOR MEDICAL CARE.

ICRC HAS OPENED A NEW 200-BED MEDICAL FACILITY IN KIGALI AND ITS STAFF CONTINUE TO WORK AT THE CITY'S CENTRAL

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HOSPITAL. AN ICRC CONVOY, INCLUDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND TWO SURGICAL TEAMS (FROM ICRC AND MSF/FRANCE), WAS 60 KM FROM KIGALI AS OF MID-DAY APRIL 13. DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED

2. (U) UNHCR EXPECTS TO SEND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
OFFICERS FROM GENEVA TO GOMA, ZAIRE, AND NGARA, TANZANIA
BY THIS WEEKEND. UNHCR PROVIDED CURRENT ESTIMATES OF
REFUGEE FLOWS OUT OF RWANDA. GIVEN THE UNPREDICTABILITY
OF THE SITUATION, THEY WILL BE URGING DONOR GOVERNMENTS
TO EARMARK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE REGION SO THAT FUNDS
CAN BE USED WHERE MOST NEEDED IN AN EVOLVING SITUATION.
IFRC, MEANWHILE, WILL SHORTLY BE ISSUING A PREPAREDNESS
APPEAL FOR PROBABLE OUTFLOWS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES. END
SUMMARY.

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3. (U) OFFICER, SAID THAT ICRC'S CONVOY WAS TRAVELING FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE	В6
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PAGE 03 GENEVA 03490 01 OF 03 131427Z BURUNDI-RWANDA BORDER. IT WAS 60 KM FROM KIGALI AS OF 12:00 LOCAL TIME APRIL 13. INCLUDED IN THE CONVOY ARE 25 M T. OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES (SOME OF THEM FROM	

4. (U) ICRC HAS OPENED A NEW 200-BED MEDICAL FACILITY WITH TWO OPERATING THEATERS IN KIGALI, NEAR THE ICRC DELEGATION OFFICE ON KYOVE HILL. THEY ALSO REMAIN ACTIVE AT THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL. SAID ICRC HAD BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT PATIENTS AT THE SMALL FAROOK (SP?) HOSPITAL HAD BEEN KILLED AS PART OF THE ETHNIC CONFLICT.

ICRC, MOST FROM THE BELGIAN RED CROSS) AND TWO SURGICAL TEAMS (FROM ICRC AND MSF/FRANCE). ICRC ALSO HOPES TO SEND THREE HIGHLY-TRAINED NURSES IN A SECOND CONVOY ON

THURSDAY, IF ALL GOES WELL WITH THE FIRST CONVOY.

5. (U) IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION ON CONDITIONS IN KIGALI, SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME FIGHTING OVERNIGHT BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT FIGHTING IN SOME OF THE HILLS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THE CITY IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED. ICRC EXPAT DELEGATES (26 REMAIN IN-COUNTRY, PLUS THOSE ARRIVING ON THE CONVOY) HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE AROUND THE CITY. THEIR WORK INCLUDES COLLECTING THE WOUNDED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND

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DISTRIBUTING 40 M.T. OF FOOD TO THOSE MOST IN NEED. ADDED THAT THE HEAD OF ICRC'S DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO LEAVE KIGALI TO JOIN THE CONVOY NEAR THE BORDER. DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE AN **B6** (U) ASSESSMENT OF THE MOVEMENT OF RWANDANS OUT OF KIGALI, THOUGH HE BELIEVES MANY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN SOUTH OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 03490 01 OF 03 131427Z PAGE 04 CITY. ICRC ANTICIPATES THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS, SINCE BOTH SIDES ARE WELL AWARE OF ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN WORK. UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES **B6** (LOU) SAID UNHCR HAS EVACUATED ALL EXPATRIATE STAFF FROM RWANDA AS PART OF THE UN'S PHASE FIVE SECURITY PROCEDURES. MOST OF THOSE EXPATS ARE NOW IN NAIROBI AND MANY OF THEM WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO ASSIST WITH RWANDAN REFUGEES WHO FLEE TO NEIGHBORING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NNNN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 03490 02 OF 03 131428Z PAGE 01 ACTION RP-10

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- GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (U) AVAILABLE TO HEADQUARTERS ON REFUGEE FLOWS:
- -- SOME 7,000 BURUNDI REFUGEES IN RWANDA HAVE RETURNED TO NORTHERN BURUNDI. UNHCR WILL CHECK DETAILS ON THAT NUMBER; THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE SAME GROUP OF BURUNDI REFUGEES IN THE SAAGA CAMPS THAT MSF REPORTS ARE PREPARING TO RETURN TO BURUNDI.
- -- ABOUT 1,100 (OF A TOTAL POPULATION OF 11,000) OF THE BURUNDI REFUGEES IN CAMPS IN SOUTHERN RWANDA HAVE FLED TO KAMANYOLA, ZAIRE.
- -- SEVERAL HUNDRED RWANDAN REFUGEES HAVE FLED TO AREAS

IN NORTHERN BURUNDI. (THESE ARE THE SAME AREAS IN BURUNDI FROM WHICH BURUNDIANS FLED TO RWANDA LAST OCTOBER-NOVEMBER.)

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- -- OVER 2,000 RWANDANS (TUTSIS) HAVE FLED TO GOMA, NORTHERN KIVU, ZAIRE.
- -- A SMALLER NUMBER OF RWANDAN REFUGEES HAS FLED TO UVIRA AND BUKAVU, SOUTHERN KIVU, ZAIRE.

9. (U) SAID THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF REFUGEE

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GENEVA 03490 02 OF 03 131428Z PAGE 03 FLOWS HAS LED UNHOR TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN DONOR RESPONSES TO UNHCR'S FINANCIAL NEEDS IN THE BURUNDI AND RWANDA CRISES. (FOR THE BURUNDI CRISIS, THESE NEEDS WERE MOST RECENTLY SPELLED OUT IN THE UNHCR PORTION OF DHA'S MARCH - AUGUST 1994 CONSOLIDATED APPEAL FOR BURUNDI AND IN UNHCR'S APRIL 8 LETTER TO THE USG EXPLAINING NEEDS FOR BURUNDI REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM.) HE SAID THEY ARE CONSIDERING SENDING A LETTER (PROBABLY TO BE SIGNED BY ERNEST CHIPMAN, HEAD OF FUND RAISING, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON) THAT WILL URGE DONORS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE RWANDA-BURUNDI CRISES AND TO PERMIT UNHER TO APPLY THE FUNDS WHERE MOST NEEDED, AS THE SITUATION EVOLVES.

10. (U) IN TERMS OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR RWANDAN REFUGEE FLOWS, UNHCR IS USING THE FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE FIGURES: 100,000 INTO TANZANIA AND 20-30,000 INTO ZAIRE. MOVEMENTS FROM RWANDA TO BURUNDI ARE EVEN HARDER TO GUESS, SINCE THEY CONCEIVABLY COULD ALSO INCLUDE A LARGE PORTION OF THE 270,000 BURUNDI REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN IN RWANDA. UNHCR EXPECTS TO SEND BY THIS WEEKEND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS WITH EQUIPMENT TO GOMA, ZAIRE, AND NGARA, TANZANIA.

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11. (U)

SAID THE FEDERATION IS GEARING UP FOR PROBABLE REFUGEE FLOWS, PARTICULARLY INTO ZAIRE AND TANZANIA.

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THEY ARE SENDING AN ASSESSMENT TEAM TO NGARA, TANZANIA,
A LIKELY CROSS-OVER POINT.

12. (U) IFRC WILL BE ISSUING A "PREPAREDNESS APPEAL" FOR THE REGION LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW. FUNDING NEEDS WILL TOTAL ABOUT SW.FR. 3.3 MILLION (APPROX. USD 2.3 MILLION). SAID SOME OF THE FUNDS WOULD REPLACE THE COMPUTERS, RADIOS AND VEHICLES THAT THEY JUST LOST IN RWANDA. HE ALSO SAID IFRC WAS RUNNING OUT OF MONEY FOR ITS EARLIER APPEAL FOR BURUNDI REFUGEES IN RWANDA (SCHEDULED FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD THROUGH END-APRIL).

13. (U) COMMENT. IN THE PAST, THIS MISSION HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE FEDERATION'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE

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ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO EMERGENCIES, AND WE
HAVE URGED THAT STATE/RP AND AID CONTRIBUTE TO IFRC'S
DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND FOR THAT PURPOSE. AS OF
TODAY, THE FEDERATION HAS RECEIVED ONLY SW.FR. 1.5
MILLION OF THE 7.5 MILLION FOR WHICH IT APPEALED IN 1994
FOR THE DREF. THE RED CROSS/CRESCENT ORGANIZATIONS
CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT PROVIDERS OF ASSISTANCE IN SUCH
EMERGENCIES. MISSION AGAIN URGES THAT DEPARTMENT AND
USAID CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION THAT WOULD PERMIT IFRC TO
RESPOND WITH THE SAME FUNDING FLEXIBILITY ALREADY
AVAILABLE TO UNHCR AND ICRC. END COMMENT. RODGERS

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